



# MOERA Community News

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WINTER 2025

## Te Korero o te Kereru o Moera

(The Kereru is a pigeon from Moera that is talking about things in Moera.)

Greetings to all the extended families of the Moera community. We hope everyone who came to our Matariki Celebration had a great time! It was a special evening of shared kai, delicious hangi and entertainment, focused on connection, reflection and bringing our community together.

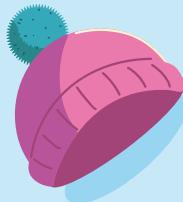
A big thank you to those in Moera who continue to support our kapata kai (food cupboard). Your generosity helps whanau in need. We are especially grateful for dry goods like breakfast cereals, tinned food, rice, pasta, flour and sugar — every little bit truly helps. Donations can be dropped off 10am-1pm at the Marae or placed on the shelf in the alcove to the left of the front door.

Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou. Peace be with you all.



### Food for anyone in need

- Free soup, Walter Nash Foyer, every Thursday 10am-12pm until 28 August
- Kapata Kai (food cupboard) at Te Kakano Marae for Moera residents
- Hutt Food banks and Pataka Kai – Search 'food' at [huttcity.govt.nz](http://huttcity.govt.nz)



### Winter saving tips

[genless.govt.nz/winter-saving-tips](http://genless.govt.nz/winter-saving-tips)

Find easy ways to cut your power bill this winter, e.g. close your curtains at dusk, clean your heat pump filter. Also check if you are eligible for a heating and insulation grant.



### Simple tools to help with money

[Sorted.org.nz](http://sorted.org.nz)

Try Sorted to manage your money. This free website has easy tools for budgeting, saving, debt, KiwiSaver, and planning ahead.



## What's on

**Moerā Neighbourhood Hub**  
[moerahub](#)



Books, free WiFi, programmes and more! Ask staff about free video streaming and Skinny Jump, a low-cost internet option. Check Facebook for updates, holiday fun and these weekly activities.

**Social French, 2nd Tuesday each month, 1:00-2:00pm**

Chat in French, meet others, and enjoy conversation. All levels welcome!

**Game on! Saturday 2:00pm**

Family friendly weekly event for board gaming and other tabletop games. Open to gamers of all ages.

**Discovery Storytime, Wednesday 11:00am**

Fun stories and themed fun for older preschoolers.

**Bricks & Pieces, Thursday**

**3:00pm**

Create amazing LEGO builds – all ages welcome.

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Friday 10:00am**

Songs and rhymes for pēpi aged 0-2 years and caregivers.

**Justice of the Peace, Saturday 10:00-11:00am**

Free JP services – Book for an appointment.



## New baby on the way?

Awatai Midwives is a new group of Māori and Pasifika midwives caring for families in the Hutt area. They focus on providing care for Māori and Pasifika whānau that is safe, supportive and positive, and improving health outcomes.

Email: [awatai.midwives@gmail.com](mailto:awatai.midwives@gmail.com)



## Mindfulness for Children

An 8-week programme, fostering resilience, confidence, and social skills. Interactive sessions help children develop focus, emotional regulation and stress management. Art supplies and take-home modules reinforce learning and strengthen family connections.

[kaleidoscopesolutions.co.nz](http://kaleidoscopesolutions.co.nz)

Moera Community House, 022 670 1058

Register: [moeracommunityhouse@gmail.com](mailto:moeracommunityhouse@gmail.com)

Book  
now for  
Term 4

## Hutt Valley Omai Fa'atasi – Come together

A free fun gathering for Pasifika seniors! Enjoy morning tea, making new friends, great presentations, lots of laughs and good music. Free to join.

027 428 0335 [omaifaatasi.nz](http://omaifaatasi.nz)

Walter Nash Centre Hutt Valley,

22 Taine Street, Taita

Thursdays 10am: 14 August,

11 September, 9 October



# What's on

## Weekly activities at the Moera Community House and Cottage

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Cost	Contact
<b>Tuesday</b>	10am–12pm	Moera Community Strollers	Moera Community House	Cafe	Anne 027 713 9810
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00pm Beginners 5:30pm Everyone	Ukelele group	St Paul's Church, Waiwhetu Rd	Koha	Julie 021 022 62513
<b>Thursday</b>	10am–12pm	Moera Knitting Group (Beginners welcome)	Moera Community Cottage	Free	Kathy, text 021 085 89807
	1–2pm	Chair yoga (Beginners welcome)	Moera Community House	Koha	Chevanne 027 427 3529
<b>Friday</b> (Term time only)	10:30-11:30	Crafts and cuppa	Moera Community House	Free	Community House 022 670 1058
<b>Saturday</b> (1st & 3rd week)	10:30	Moera Community Garden	Moera Community Cottage	Free	Kumar 022 566 0152
<b>Sunday</b> (Register now for Term 4)	10:00-11:00	Mindfulness for Children	Moera Community House	Free	Community House 022 670 1058



## Neighbourhood Support

Lower Hutt Neighbourhood Support connects households to a local network that helps keep streets safe and informed. In emergencies, quick updates are sent by text or email. Any household can sign up — no group needed. [commbase.nz/join/greaterwellington](http://commbase.nz/join/greaterwellington)



Neighbourhood Support also provides tips, advice and more on their website! [neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/tips-advice](http://neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/tips-advice)

- Winter fire safety tips
- Preventing frauds and scams



## Moera Knitting Group

(Te Roopu Tuitui o Moera)

In June, the Moera Knitting Group distributed around 1,400 warm knitted items to 4 local schools, 2 preschools and other community groups — including clothing for babies, children and adults.

"Every year we see a dip in attendance during the colder months. This is due to students falling ill with cold and flu. The knitted items we get from Moera Knitting Group are welcomed by very appreciative tamariki who value these to help keep them warm at home. Some of our families are living out of garages or in houses with poor insulation, so these woollen items are very much appreciated. Thanks for all your hard work and the enormous care and attention you give to help support and keep our precious children warm during the winter months."

**Randwick School (Andrew Wooster, Principal)**



## Get ready!

**Plan with your friends, whānau or flatmates**

- Choose a safe meeting place in case you are separated during a disaster.
- Have an out-of-region contact and a backup place to stay in case you cannot get home.
- Create your own household plan.

[wremo.nz/get-ready/home-ready/create-a-household-plan](http://wremo.nz/get-ready/home-ready/create-a-household-plan)



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# Moera Community House Board update

The Board meets monthly, plans events, raises funds, connects with local groups and shares updates through Facebook and the newsletter — all to serve and support our local community. Got questions or ideas? We'd love to hear from you!

**Farewells and welcomes:** We thank Matt Roberts, Ashok Kumar and Brendan Wicks for their contributions. Special thanks to Wayne for his time as Chair and to Shawn, who served as Treasurer for eight years. Wayne is now Treasurer, and we welcome James as Chair and Alice as a new Board member.

**Venue hire:** Book Moera Community House or Cottage for meetings, birthdays or celebrations. Facilities include kitchen, toilets and a playground. Your booking helps support local events.

## Moera Community House Board members



**James Beban, Chair**

Lived in Lower Hutt all his life, Moera local since 2010. Works as a town planner. Passionate about fishing and natural hazards.



**Kumar Kumareswaran**

Lower Hutt resident for 35 years, active volunteer in the community and environmental care — schools, food rescue, gardens, planting, and beach clean-ups.



**Wayne Gazley, Treasurer**

Lived, worked and volunteered in the Hutt Valley for 45 years.



**Alice Hanify**

Proud Moera resident for over 10 years. Passionate about bringing the community together. Mum to 3 young girls, registered nurse.



### Recent highlights

- Matariki Celebration – A special evening of kai, connection and entertainment. Thanks to the Marae and committee for the delicious hangi and for sharing the meaning of Matariki.
- Neighbours' Get Together (April) – A great chance to connect with others, where children enjoyed old-fashioned games, activities and prizes.



**Shawn Manders**

Treasurer and Board Member for 8 years, focused on growing programmes, support and resources for the Moera community.



**Julie Anderson**

Moved to Lower Hutt for whānau. Favourite things are Moera Chair yoga, Moera Strum and Sing Ukulele Club and Koha Cafe.



**Anne Mason**

Actively involved in the Moera community events, newsletter and raising funds. Enjoys the local chair yoga, walking and knitting groups.